locations, was found to be marginally in excess of the prescribed norm. This is, however, unlikely to cause an accident.

(b) Corrective action has already been initiated.

(c) Does not arise.

Violation of Master Plan of Delhi

633. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Development Authority has violated the Master Plan;

(b) whether the Master Plan was mandatory; and

(c) whether any court case is pending against the violation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Services of British Company for Metro Rail Trials

634. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi Metro Rail Corporation had engaged the services of a Britain-based company to certify the conduct of trials on 4.5 km. new Tis Hazari-Tri Nagar section, instead of the Indian Railways Research Development and Standardisation Organisation thus incurring avoidable expenditure in foreign exchange; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor (technological or otherwise) and how much outgo of foreign exchange was involved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) A Britain-based consultant was engaged to witness the oscillation trials and to certify the Metro trains for operating at the speed of 80 km. per hour on the (kmph) Shahdara-Tis Hazari-Trinagar section of Delhi Metro. The initial oscillation trials conducted on